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Recommendations from Denmark to Nicaragua

Mr. President,

Denmark sincerely thanks the delegation of Nicaragua for their presentation today. We commend Nicaragua for the steps taken to improve the human rights situation in the country since its last UPR in 2010.

We, however, remain concerned about the ban of all forms of abortions in Nicaragua, even in cases where the life or health of the woman is at risk or in cases of victims of rape.

As a first step to ensure women their sexual and reproductive health and rights,

Denmark therefore recommends the government of Nicaragua to modify the penal code in order to restore access to legal and safe therapeutic abortion and the right for the victims of sexual abuse to a legal, safe and unconditioned abortion.

Denmark commends Nicaragua for ratifying the UN Convention against Torture. We, however, note with concern that Nicaragua has yet to align its national definition of torture with the UN Convention against Torture. Moreover, we are concerned about the continued reports of rape, torture and ill-treatment against persons held in police custody.

Denmark therefore recommends the government of Nicaragua to rephrase its definition of torture in national legislation by aligning it with the Convention against Torture and to ensure that the new definition comprehends all elements of torture.

Thank you, Mr. President.